







# TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROCESS OVERVIEW

## GETTING STARTED


-  **DISCOVERY / INVENTION**  
Inventor identifies invention.

-  **DISCLOSURE**  
Inventor discloses invention to USU at [bit.ly/usu-disclose](https://bit.ly/usu-disclose).


-  **EVALUATION**  
Evaluation takes about 12 weeks. Technology Transfer meets with the inventor, performs market and patentability assessments, determines a process for commercialization and communicates the strategy to the inventor.


-  **NOT PROCEEDING**  
Invention lacks sufficient commercial potential for USU to pursue. Inventor continues their research.
-  **FURTHER DEVELOPMENT**  
Invention is not ready for commercialization or patenting. Inventor works with Technology Transfer.
-  **PROCEEDING**  
Intellectual property is commercialized by Technology Transfer and/or protected by USU General Counsel.

## PATENTING


-  **APPLICATION PREPARATION**  
The Office of General Counsel prepares the application. This process takes 1-3 months, sometimes less.


-  **PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**  
General Counsel files a provisional application, a placeholder patent application. Generally, an application is filed after publication/presentation.


-  **NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**  
The Office of General Counsel files a non-provisional application, which will be reviewed by a patent examiner within one year of the provisional application filing.

-  **PATENT PROSECUTION**  
General Counsel facilitates patent prosecution, the time between filing and issuance/abandonment (2-4 years). Interaction occurs between USU, the patent examiner and the inventor  
The application results in patent issuance or abandonment. If issued, USU maintains the patent until it expires 20 years after filing.

## COMMERCIALIZATION

-  **COLLABORATION**  
Technology Transfer identifies opportunities for collaboration through commercial agreements.

-  **FINANCING**  
Technology Transfer identifies funding opportunities.

-  **COMMERCIALIZATION**  
Technology Transfer commercializes the invention by licensing it to an existing entity, commercializing it within USU, developing it in an incubator space or using it in a spin-out company. In time, commercialization can lead to revenue generation and distribution.

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